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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRISONERS IN SIBERIA.

Roma, January 2nd.
The International Committee of Red Cross Societies in Geneva is requesting information in favour of 200,000 prisoners of different nationalities in the hands of the Japanese and kept in Siberia undergoing agonising sufferings which must lead to madness and death.
The Vatican organ, *Osservatore Romano*, declares that the Pope enthusiastically adheres to the sentiment of the letter. The journal trusts that the authorities will employ all means to secure their immediate repatriation. The Pontiff is now studying means to secure the repatriation of the prisoners in this connection.
It is believed that the Pope has communicated with the Japanese Government as the only route for the repatriation of prisoners seems to be by way of Vladivostok.

THE KAISER, THE STAR AND THE FAR EAST.

London, January 1st.

The first instalment of letters from the ex-Kaiser to the Star, published in the *Morning Post* to-day, includes one dated April 2nd, 1919, of particular interest to the Star.

The ex-Kaiser therein writes:—"I shall certainly do all in my power to keep Europe quiet and guard the rear of Russia so that nobody shall hamper your action towards the Far East. For that is clearly the great task of Europe in the future—to cultivate the Asian continent and defend Europe from the inroads of the great Yellow race. In this you will always find me on your side ready to help you as best I can."
"I shall, with interest, await the further development of your policy in regard to that, just as I will gladly help you to settle the question of eventual annexations of portions of territory for Russia; you will kindly see that Germany may also be able to acquire a port somewhere where it does not affect you."

EFFECT OF CHINA'S DEMAND ON SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid's annual review of the silver market points out that China's exports of silver from 1914 to 1915 exceeded the imports by about £1,000,000, and says that some think that China then parted with much more silver than she could spare and that China will continue buying at least until this amount has been replaced.
It is also pointed out that, in view of the very large Note circulation, the Indian silver reserve is now too large and, should the price of silver fall to a reasonable level, there is little doubt that the Indian Government would resume purchases.

In view of this possibility and the apparently insatiable demand from China it is difficult to see a return to normal prices during 1920, and the increased cost of silver seems likely to be maintained.

It must not, however, be forgotten that the pronounced recovery of the American Exchange would lower the price of silver in London, and the cessation of the abnormal demand for China would put a completely different aspect on the market.

PERIL OF BOLSHEVISM.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech at Sunderland dealing with Bolshevism, said that it was impossible for a civilized people to adopt or to agree with Bolshevism which destroyed freedom, and attempted to establish class Government. We are to take lessons in constitutionalism from crazy fanatics in Central Europe who were trying to set up what was called Utopia.

Bolshevism, Mr. Churchill continued, was opposed to self-determination. Even M. Litvinoff admitted to Mr. O'Grady that Bolshevism was not in the majority. We should do all we could to expose the sophistry and delusion of Bolshevism which had captured ignorant Russian peasants, but which had no chance with the enlightened British citizen.

London, January 2nd.

A Moscow wireless announces that a Red Army entered Bohemia and was warmly welcomed by the populace.

London, January 2nd.

The *Daily Chronicle* Dorpat correspondent reports that, on January 1st, the Bolsheviks and the Estonian Delegates signed an instrument agreeing to the cessation of hostilities between Soviet Russia and Estonia prior to peace deliberations which begin immediately.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

London, January 2nd.

Mr. O'Grady, M.P., interviewed by a *Daily Mirror* representative, said that he had every reason to believe that he would be able to arrange by the end of January for the home-coming of all British military and civilian prisoners in Russia.

Mr. O'Grady was of opinion that Russia would work out her own salvation, and that armed intervention would not serve any purpose. It was no good saying that Japanese intervention would solve the problem of Bolshevism by destroying it.

OUTBREAK OF STRIKES IN WEST INDIES.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, January 1st.

The Longshoremen's Union has ordered a general strike in Jamaica and is demanding over double pay.

Shipping has been suspended, and the docks are guarded by the police and military.

A railway strike has lasted eight days. The dispute will probably be referred to a Conciliation Board. Meanwhile a limited service has been resumed.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TRAVELLING BRITISH EXHIBITION.

London, January 1st.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, in an interview said that the Treasury had sanctioned expenditure on a scheme under which a travelling exhibition of British manufactures will be held at the principal commercial centres in South Africa, Australasia and Canada, and possibly in the Far East.

This exhibition was designed to attract the buyers in the Dominions with a minimum of expense and inconvenience to them.

The stay in each centre will be for about six weeks, and the tour will last two years.

Sir Hamar Greenwood also referred to the measures to develop British commerce among the foreign nations. He said that the Government had already realised the success of British exports at a fair held last year and had granted a substantial subsidy to fight it. Sir Hamar added that orders valued at £2,500,000 were taken at that year's fair, and it was hoped that the orders would be treble the amount this year at the fairs at Crystal Palace, Birmingham and Glasgow.

AMERICAN TREATY RESERVATIONS.

London, January 3rd.

In a speech at Leeds, Lord Robert Cecil dealt with the attitude of America towards the Peace Treaty. He emphasised that Britain wanted the assent of one party in America but of the whole of America. He would rather have a limited assent subject to Reservation, than a whole important opinion of America than a future complete assent secured by a deep division of American opinion.

The objection to the votes of the Dominions was based on an entire misunderstanding. Lord Robert Cecil said in international matters it was not numbers that counted, but weight. The object of the Dominions was not to enable them to support on every occasion the British view, but rather to enable them to express views or differences they might have with Britain and get the full weight to which they were entitled. He contended that the subject had been used to create bad blood between Britain and the United States by those who were enemies of both countries.

EX-KAISER'S LETTERS TO STAR.

London, January 2nd.

In further letters from the ex-Kaiser to the Star, dated September 26th and October 26th, 1919, published in the *Morning Post*, the former indulges in a diatribe against the French whom he accuses of Chauvinism and Imperialism, remarking:—"God knows, I have done all in my power to preserve the European Peace, but if France goes on violating all the rules of peace, one fine day, dearest Willy, I will find myself *notens solens* embroiled with one of the most backward wars Europe ever saw. If you are allied with the French, keep the damned rascals in order. The Curse of God has stricken that people forever."

The ex-Kaiser, referring to the British foreign policy, says:—"The British seem to have some idea or other of changing their policy in the Mediterranean. For two days ago Malet, while paying a farewell visit to our Foreign Office, used most blustering words about Germany behaving badly to England in Africa, that it would stand to no longer and the after the buying of the French by concession in Egypt, they were at liberty to look after us. He was even so undiplomatic as to utter the word 'War,' saying that England would not shrink from making war upon me. If we did not knuckle down in Africa, I made answer to the effect that the British were not only making themselves ridiculous in this case but obnoxious to everybody, and if they got into trouble with anybody else I would not move a Pomeranian Grenadier to help them. I suppose that will cool them."

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

New York, December 31st.

The authorities are now on the alert to prevent further mischief arising from the consumption of denatured alcohol.

Federal agents yesterday seized eighteen barrels of such alcohol at Brooklyn, sufficient, according to the chief agent, to kill 20,000 persons. Two men were arrested, including a drayman who was preparing to take two barrels to a New York bar-room.

Following on six fatalities at Passaic, New Jersey, from drinking wood alcohol, the Police raided all the liquor stores of the town and confiscated quantities of "spirits."

Deaths and cases of blindness owing to drinking makeshift whiskies continue to be reported from various cities.

New York, January 1st.

In spite of prohibition New York was decidedly wet in places on New Year's eve. Restaurants and hotels were crowded with wine parties which paid exorbitant prices for "private" supplies. A few arrests were made, the authorities refraining from strictly interpreting the law.

The crowd in the streets was very small compared with former years when alcoholic liquors were freely dispensed.

A few additional deaths from wood alcohol among New Year celebrants are reported from the country.

CANADIAN FISHING INDUSTRY.

OTTAWA, January 1st.

With a view to encouraging the White fishing population, the Pacific Coast, the Dominion Government has decided to discontinue the issue of salmon cannery or salmon fishing licences except to resident citizens of the White race. Hitherto, the fishing has been largely in the hands of Orientals.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES' LEAGUE.

The following fixture list of the United Services' Football League shows that the Wiltshires, the R.G.A., two teams from the "Ambrose," the "Alacrity," the "Tamar," and the "Carlisle" have entered. For the first time in many years, the Hongkong F.C. is not represented, owing to a decision of the Committee that no civilian teams shall enter. The decision, naturally lessens the amount of interest that will be shown in the League, for the Club, the Chinese and St. Joseph's College, all of whom wished admission into the League, are great "draws" with the football loving public.

The matches in this League commence in January at 4 p.m., in February at 4.30 p.m., and in March at 4.45 p.m. The list is as follows:—

January 14.—"Alacrity" v. "Tamar," Naval Ground.

January 17.—"Carlisle" v. R.G.A., Military Ground.

January 21.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Naval Ground.

January 24.—"Alacrity" v. "Carlisle," Military Ground.

January 24.—R.G.A. v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Naval Ground.

January 28.—2/Wilts. v. "Tamar," Naval Ground.

January 28.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. "Alacrity," Military Ground.

January 31.—"Ambrose" v. "B" v. "Carlisle," Military Ground.

January 31.—"Tamar" v. R.G.A., Naval Ground.

February 4.—"Alacrity" v. 2/Wilts., Naval Ground.

February 4.—"Carlisle" v. "Ambrose" v. "A," Military Ground.

February 7.—"Tamar" v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Military Ground.

February 7.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. R.G.A., Naval Ground.

February 11.—2/Wilts. v. "Carlisle," Naval Ground.

February 11.—"Ambrose" v. "B" v. "Alacrity," Military Ground.

February 14.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. 2/Wilts., Military Ground.

February 14.—"Carlisle" v. "Tamar," Naval Ground.

February 18.—"Alacrity" v. R.G.A., Naval Ground.

February 18.—"Ambrose" v. "B" v. "Ambrose" v. "A," Military Ground.

February 21.—R.G.A. v. 2/Wilts., Military Ground.

February 21.—"Tamar" v. "Alacrity," Naval Ground.

February 25.—R.G.A. v. "Carlisle," Military Ground.

February 25.—2/Wilts. v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Naval Ground.

February 28.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. "Tamar," Military Ground.

February 28.—"Carlisle" v. "Alacrity," Naval Ground.

March 3.—"Ambrose" v. "B" v. R.G.A., Military Ground.

March 3.—"Tamar" v. 2/Wilts., Naval Ground.

March 6.—"Alacrity" v. "Ambrose" v. "A," Naval Ground.

March 6.—"Carlisle" v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Military Ground.

March 10.—R.G.A. v. "Tamar," Naval Ground.

March 10.—2/Wilts. v. "Alacrity," Military Ground.

March 13.—"Ambrose" v. "A" v. "Carlisle," Naval Ground.

March 13.—"Ambrose" v. "B" v. "Tamar," Military Ground.

March 17.—R.G.A. v. "Ambrose" v. "A," Military Ground.

March 17.—"Carlisle" v. 2/Wilts., Naval Ground.

March 20.—"Alacrity" v. "Ambrose" v. "B," Military Ground.

March 20.—2/Wilts. v. "Ambrose" v. "A," Naval Ground.

March 24.—"Tamar" v. "Carlisle," Military Ground.

March 24.—R.G.A. v. "Alacrity," Naval Ground.

April 1.—Winners v. The Rest.

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A Chinese married woman has been removed to the G. C. H. by her husband suffering from opium poisoning. She is alleged to have swallowed a quantity of the drug in an attempt to take her own life. She is expected to recover.

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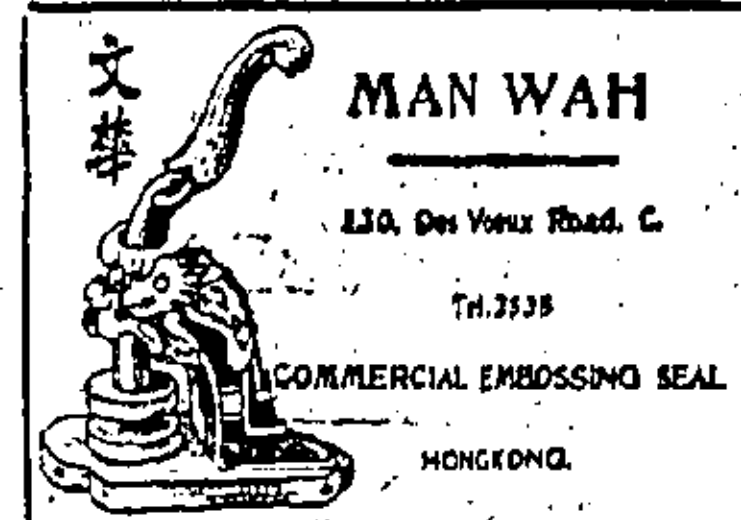


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In the Divorce Court, on Nov. 14,
Mr. Justice Horridge granted a decree
nisi in favour of Mr. Percy Stowell,
formerly of Alexandra Road, South-
port, on the ground of the misconduct
of his wife, Rosie Emily Stowell, with
the co-respondent, the Rev. Frederick
Lindon Coulson Parkyn, formerly
vicar of Holy Trinity, Southport.

Mr. Le Bas represented the peti-
tioner, and the suit was undefended.
The petitioner stated that he was
secretary to a limited company and
was married in December, 1903, at
St. Paul's, Portman Square, Maryle-
bone. There were three children.
He afterwards lived at Alexandra
Road, Southport, and there made the
acquaintance in 1916 of the co-respon-
dent. He and his wife lived perfectly
happily until July, 1917. Later that
year, in view of the friendship be-
tween his wife and the co-respondent,
he asked the latter to give his wife the
"cold shoulder." The co-respondent
said he would send in his resignation,
and he hoped then the thing would
stop.

His Lordship: Was he a married
man?
The petitioner said he was and had
a family. In February, 1918, the
petitioner had a breakdown, and was
away for some weeks. In the mean-
time the co-respondent had gone to
France with H.M. Forces as a chap-
lain. When he went to France the
petitioner told him that he hoped that
he would go out of their lives alto-
gether.

Subsequently, however, he found
the co-respondent writing letters to
his wife "that no man should write
to another man's wife," and he wrote
to him on the subject. In reply he
received a communication from the
co-respondent in the course of which
he said:

"Neither has my life work been a
mockery, for no man has done his
work more faithfully or earnestly
than I have. I am bewildered by
the fact that what I can only de-
scribe as the truest and purest
affection is involving many people
in great difficulty and endangering
R.'s health and life."
The petitioner said he did not know
that there was anything wrong until he
received information as to his wife
staying at the Greyhound Hotel, Rich-
mond. He again wrote to the co-
respondent on the matter of "cor-
respondence with his wife, and received
from him a letter dated October 20,
1918, in which he said that when he
returned to England he would give up
his commission and his vocation.

After this his wife went to live with
her sister in a flat in London. The
petitioner broke up his home and went
to Manchester, where his work was.
He thought that if they were apart for
a time matters would come right, and

CARGO OF CIGARS FOR
GERMANY.

HOW MESSRS. BENDIX AND CO.
"GAVE THE SHOW AWAY."

The President of the Prize Court,
Sir Henry Duke, condemned five
cases of cigars seized, on the Danish
steamer "Oscar II.," after hearing
counsel for the Crown explain how
Messrs. E. A. Bendix and Co., the
cigar exporters of New York (in coun-
sel's phrase) "gave the show away"
by a letter to a commercial agent in
Liverpool.

His Lordship observed that the
"Oscar II." seemed to be a very fre-
quent visitant in Prize jurisdiction.

These cigars, counsel said, were
shipped during the war by Messrs. E.
A. Bendix and Co. to consignees in
Copenhagen, and in the correspon-
dence his Lordship would find exhibi-
ted a letter from Messrs. Bendix and
Co. to a commercial agent in Liver-
pool. Messrs. Bendix and Co. showed
that the consignee in Copenhagen
stated that the cigars had an enemy
destination. It appeared that Mr.
Kay Larsen could not produce the
necessary guarantees that the cigars
would be "consumed" in his coun-
try, and said he only got the shipment
for reforwarding to a German con-
signee. Messrs. Bendix and Co. said
properly that they were not to be made
parties to forwarding German goods
under a cover, and added counsel
with a wave of the hand—when they
could not get guarantees that the
cigars were not going to Germany
they at once, to use a vulgar phrase,
"gave the show away" to the Crown.
Kay Larsen was the name of a well-
known intermediary for German
cargoes in Hamburg.

His Lordship: There must be a
decree that the cigars are good and
lawful prize.

He told his wife that he would make
another home. Finally, he received
a letter from his wife in which she
said that she had "taken steps to re-
lieve you from your situation as you
have begged me to do."

In reply to Mr. Le Bas, the witness
said the only thing he had asked his
wife to do was to give up the co-
respondent. On March 2 last he said
he received a letter from the solicitors
acting for the respondent and the co-
respondent intimating that their clients
had decided to live together as man
and wife, and had been doing so at a
flat in St. John's Wood, London. It
was, they said, the desire of the co-
respondent to marry Mrs. Stowell as
soon as legal disabilities had been
removed.

'UPON JULIA'S CLOTHES'

And on observing that the Bishop
of Limerick has discovered that the
designers of them "are generally
Parisian Jews or Freemasons, who are
bitterly opposed to Christianity, and
seek, among other means, to uproot
it by the introduction into Christian
society of these dangerous and in-
decent dresses."

Whens in silks my Julia goes
I wonder if she really knows
The awful outcome of her clothes?

Unmoved she takes her lustrous
way,
But all around her spread and stay
Dark disbelief and dire dismay.

Creeds totter in her radiant wake
And infidels fresh courage take;
The pillars of society shake.

Bishops down tools and disappear
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January 10, 1920 at
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No. 4 Des Vaux Road, Corner
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Valuable Household Furniture,
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By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, January 4, 1920.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
the Partnership heretofore existing
between PHILIP WALLACE GOLD-
RING and OSCAR RYAN LYSON,
Solicitors, under the names of Goldring
and Lyson, has been dissolved as from
1st January, 1920.

Debts owing to and Claims against
the firm must be paid or submitted to
Mr. C. H. Lyson, at the Office of
Messrs. Le and Lo, Alexander Buildings,
Hongkong, on or before 15th instant.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF
FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES
will be held in the BOTANIC GAR-
DENS on THURSDAY and FRIDAY,
the 4th and 5th of March.

The full schedule and programme
will be issued to Members very shortly.
Residents who are interested in
Horticulture and are not already Mem-
bers of the Society are invited to com-
municate with the Hon. Secretary.

H. B. L. DOWRIGGIN,
14, Charter Road.
Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that
a Second EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
named Company (notice of which was
duly given on the 10th inst.) will be
held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb,
Livingston and Company, St. George's
Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January,
1920, for the purpose of confirming, if
thought fit as a special Resolution, the
following Resolution which was duly
passed as an Extraordinary Resolution
on the 29th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up
voluntarily and that Ernest Al-
fred Mountford Williams of the
firm of Lowe, Bingham &
Matthews of Chartered Bank
Buildings, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria aforesaid be appointed
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such winding up at such remun-
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between the said Harrison and
Croftfield Limited and the Li-
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Dated this 25th day of December,
1919.
By Order of the Board,
(Sd.) GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
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THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Company, Limited, on WEDNES-
DAY, 14th January, 1920, at 11
o'clock a.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 1st January to WED-
NESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both
days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be Regis-
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPEE,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency
Company, Limited.
General Agents for the
West Point Building Company,
Limited.
Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

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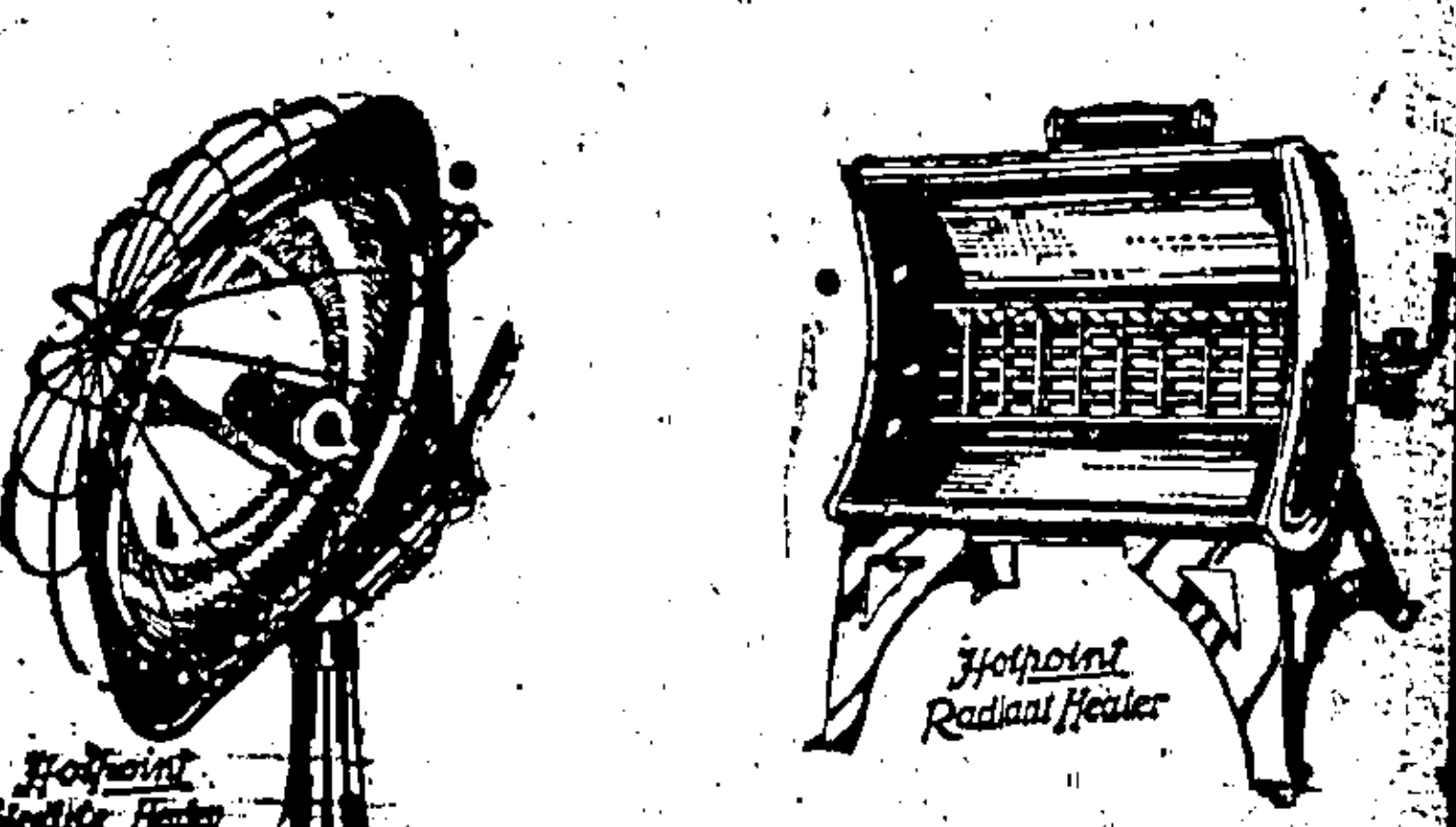
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WOOTEN—On December 28, to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Wooten, Shanghai, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FLYNN-COYLE—On December 26, at Shanghai, John Michael Flynn, of Baltimore, U.S.A., to Kathleen Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coyle, of Hongkong.

DEATH.

BUY—On December 28, at Shanghai, Cyprien Buy, aged 43 years.

The China Mail.

A TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 6, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

BUNKUM—There is passing from hand to hand in Hongkong just now a new book by Conan Doyle, the eminent author of a quantity of light detective stories. It is called "The Vital Message," and there are men here so constructed mentally that they will take such a message, in book form, and with Conan Doyle's name on it, far more seriously than they will its antidote in our anonymous Adversaria. That is their look-out. It does not relieve us of the duty of declaring the book an infected book, or of warning the unsophisticated against the infectiousness of bunkum.

On the sixteenth page we are told that the great THINKER was "forced upon mankind" by the great Designer of all things. After a reference to the "superficial thinker" who may think otherwise, Mr. Doyle tells us on the next page the intention of the great Designer of all things. "The shock of the war was meant to rouse us to mental and moral earnestness, to give us the courage to tear away venerable shams, and to force the human race to realize and use the vast new revelation which has been so clearly stated and so abundantly

proved, for all who will examine the statements and reason with an open mind." Let us essay a little thinking, albeit superficial. The "great Designer of all things" is God. Mr. Doyle's thought expressed more simply is that God forced the war on mankind with the intention to force men to believe in what is called spiritualism. It seems a roundabout method for Omnipotence to adopt. Mr. Doyle's thinking fails to tell us why the design of Omnipotence has failed so far to force men, even with the extra assistance of books of revelations by Mr. Doyle himself. It is a pity that we should think so superficially, but our thought of God is not like Mr. Doyle's. Mr. Doyle's concept of God is anthropomorphic. Ours regards God as superhuman. We imagine that the Divine mind must be greater than the human, and somehow different. If a human mind (say Mr. Doyle's) had conceived the scheme of propagandizing spiritualism by means of a world war, we should have had no hesitation in denouncing it as a bum scheme, wasteful, wicked, and ineffectual. We dare not criticize a divine scheme. In such case we murmur "inscrutable wisdom," and pass on. But we must be sure it was the divine scheme. At present we have only Mr. Doyle's word for it. How does he know? His mind is human, like ours; it is inferior to ours, so far as real thinking goes.

Besides, how is man going to be morally bettered by belief in the extraordinary revelations of Mr. Doyle? He says (page 20) "the churches were empty huts, which contained no spiritual food for the human race, and had in the main ceased to influence its actions save in the direction of soilless, forms." That has some regrettable truth in it, but where is the "spiritual food" in the crazy revelations of Mr. Doyle's "mediums" and spooks? How is a man to become more soulful, more moral, as a result of learning, through a "medium," that somebody he knows was "not mistaken at midnight on Tuesday last" (page 126)? This is plain sense. It is not superficial thinking. The superficial thinking is Mr. Doyle's, when he approvingly quotes this "argument" by the wisest woman" he has known (page 130): "Things may well be surprising over there, for if we had been told the facts of this life before we entered it, we should never have believed it."

We encounter one HEAR, HEAR, observation on page 25, and say, with ourselves in hearty agreement. Far too much weight, he says, has been placed on Christ's death, and too little on His life and teaching. This has been a frequent complaint of our own. "It is this wonderful life, its example and inspiration, which was the real

object of the dearest (sic) of this high spirit on to our planet. If the human race had earnestly centred upon that instead of losing itself in vain dreams of vicarious sacrifices and imaginary falls... how very different the level of human culture and happiness would be to-day." We read on, expecting him to score a point now obvious enough, but he is content with the mere assertion that atonement is a "vain dream." With his belief, had he been a thinker, even a superficially able one, he would have pointed out that the deathlessness of the death on Calvary made it pointless and invalid as a "sacrifice," since in his view nothing was sacrificed. He says (page 32) "we were meant to use our reason and brains." Then why doesn't he?

Then why doesn't he? He is quite sure that all opposition to his bunkum is "perverse." That is natural. The other fellow is always "perverse" in any argument. It makes no difference to us either way, and when we are satisfied that this bunkum has even a little foundation of evidence beneath it we will cease to oppose. We hear astonishing assertions. We ask for evidence, for proof. That is the duty of every man who, on Mr. Doyle's own showing, is "meant to use his reason and brains." The addendum "and brains" is symptomatic, and the attention of careful students is called to it. Until these people are ready to prove their case to sceptics, instead of only to the credulous, which is too easy, they must expect opposition. The honest scientist applies the tests and methods of scepticism to his own hypothesis, in order to prove it. The "spiritualist" is less honest. He demands (page 54) the "bona-fide and reasonable enquirer," by which he means the half-converted and already prejudiced. In fact, "perverse opposition" amounts to the commonsense procedure which Doyle himself incessantly professes on page 62, where he says "one is bound to exclude spirit explanations until all natural ones have been exhausted."

The "wildly false messages" do not discourage Mr. Doyle. They prove for him "the central fact that spirits change little in essentials when leaving the body, and that in consequence the world is infested by many low and mischievous types." Presumably the silly messages are similarly explained. A fool on earth remains a foolish spirit, and communicates foolishness. It is all very sad, even when (page 65) "these untoward incidents are rather a confirmation of spiritualism than an argument against it." Beware of superficial thinking, if you please; but save you from the profound logic of Mr. Doyle. He admits in one case "a complete failure and absolutely wrong upon essentials." How explain that? "We can only answer that conditions were obviously not propitious" (p. 66).

"THE GREAT ARGUMENT." The physical basis of all psychic belief is that the soul is a complete duplicate of the body, resembling it in the smallest particular, although constructed in some far more tenuous material. In English, that statesment from page 75 means that the Spiritualists define the soul as a material replica of the body, made of thinner stuff, but in all points resembling it. Here the present writer may be excused for some prejudice, since it means (if true) that his soul has a double goitre, bad teeth, rheumatoid joints, and deformed feet. How expect him to contemplate an eternity of such blemishes with complacency? How, if it resembles his carcass "in the smallest particular," can his sublimated body be regarded as "nobler" (page 76)? We know that a goitre in the neck does stimulate the material brain; how can the ghost of a goitre help the goitrous ghost?

In the next world "they are very busy on all forms of congenial work." It is like this world, but "keyed to a higher octave." Every earthly thing has its equivalent. The China Mail being an earthly thing, that's a comfort. The happy life to come "consists in the development of those gifts which we possess." The professional sword-swallower will be able to swallow bigger swords. "The child grows up to the normal, so that the mother who lost a babe of two years old, and dies herself twenty years later, finds a grown-up daughter of twenty-two awaiting her coming" (page 131). Does the mother then observe further normal growth, in which her 22-year-old spiritual child becomes a withered spinstery of 70? If not, why not? Why is 22 "the normal" and not 72? It is queer to find a man who has been a doctor so misandring simple words. What stops the growth, and why? Oh, here's the answer. "Age, which is produced chiefly by the mechanical presence of time in our arteries, disappears, and the individual reverts to the full normal growth and appearance of completed man or womanhood." (ibid) Nor is any deformity or bodily weakness there, for all is normal and at its best. We are to have "beautiful gardens, lovely flowers, green woods, pleasant lakes, domestic pets." Presumably the flowers will grow from bud to flower, and then stop,

none withering. (Superficial thought will not those beautiful gardens become congested?)

On page 143 is mentioned a JOKE. A Christian inscription in the Catecombs which runs: "Necrophorus animi dulcis refrigerio." Mr. Doyle translates that as "Necrophorus, a sweet soul in the refreshment place." It seems to us to say quite plainly, "nice for us to sweeten our souls in the refrigerator." Some of us will need it, anyway. Mr. Doyle is a medical man, and we are not, but we prescribe for him all the same. He is feverish. We recommend him to put his intellect in cold storage.

According to one of the WINNIE. Reuter telegrams to-day, Winston Churchill objects to "class Government." We have heard before of Satan reproving sin, and this must be one more instance. Any Churchillian government would be a class government, existing by and for class—and a bad class at that. Winston does not object to class government per se, but to government by any class not his own, or, to be exact, any class not of his own adoption. For he "ratted" from his own class to share the power of the present class gang, and he may yet try to continue the process when he sees the labouring class assuming control—a contingency that many of us foresee.

A local preacher has ST. SOPHIA. imputed to us a motive we disavow. We gather so from the public Press, and we reply in the Press. Some time ago we deprecated certain openly expressed desires to reclaim the mosque at Constantinople as a Christian cathedral, which it undoubtedly was. We did so on political grounds. Now we read that "there is a peculiar type of Christian who is so anxious to be thought broad-minded... and such a person is ready to proclaim the affront to Mohammedanism that would be given by the restoration of St. Sophia to Christian worship." The preacher says our failure to take it over would be regarded by our Mohammedan fellow citizens as a sign of weakness. We happen to know Indian Mohammedans, Ceylon Mohammedans, and Malay Mohammedans, and we say that that is not so. They realize our national strength. They would be more likely to regard it as a sign of tolerance, consideration, and generosity. In view of the fact that we do not at present fill the cathedrals we possess, we say that we can do without St. Sophia, and we aver that it would be most Christian conduct to leave it a mosque. Mohammedan sentiment would be needlessly hurt by the other line of action. The empire includes so many loyal followers of the Prophet (to whom be peace) that we ought to show consideration for their feelings. It is plainly politically expedient, and it is our duty as Christians. See St. Paul on stumbling blocks.

We happen also to disagree with some remarks in the same published sermon that touch on divorce law. We regard his views on the historical and ethnological aspect of divorce as hopelessly erroneous. The "foundations of the state" do not rest securely on discordant families. "Family life" is only good when it is good. It is to the extraordinary assertion that "facility of divorce... is a characteristic of barbarous and uncivilized peoples" that we take strongest exception, even with the addendum "or of nations whose moral fibre has been sapped by luxury and self-indulgence." Leaving our highly moral American friends to defend themselves from this aspersion, we refer the preacher to Roman law. The Romans of the time of Theodosius and Valentinian were not barbarous and uncivilized. We remind him further that in quoting the words of Christ on any one subject it is desirable to quote them fully. In addition to the "one flesh" speech, which the preacher quoted, He also said "saving for the cause" etc. (Matt. v. 31) a clause which certainly extends divorce facilities further than the churchmen were willing to go. It is not true to say that He viewed marriage "as a condition which only death could annul," in view of Matt. v. 31. It is merely a step in the progress of true civilization to release our terrible marriage laws from the handicaps that bigotry has saddled upon them.

We may all err, and we are far from claiming that in these columns we have never stepped astray from fact and from pure reason. But the published sermon we are traversing indicates a certain rashness and carelessness of which we think we are rarely guilty. By a charming coincidence, a contributor (Mohammedan) has just sent us in a tract on which is written in red ink "Careless reading or non-sensical speech is unholly." We agree. For instance, we read in the printed sermon under review that "in America there is a species of caterpillar, known as the army caterpillar, because it marches in dense thousands, apparently under some leadership which all obey." There isn't. The preacher evidently mixed up in his mind the "soldier" of South America and the "proclamation caterpillar" of Henri Fabre, which has its habitat in France. For he went on to say "When a scientific entomologist named Fabre investigated the subject he discovered that there was no real leadership, but that each caterpillar simply keeps in touch with the one in front of it and by getting the front rank in touch with the rear rank he got them to march round and round in a circle hopelessly and aimlessly." It is not quite wise to describe Fabre as a "scientific entomologist." We are all agreed that, charming as his writings are, he was too anthropomorphic in his angle of approach to be quite scientific. But no matter for that. The preacher has not even described his experiment with the processional caterpillars with anything like reasonable accuracy. The creatures marched in single file—there were no "dense thousands," no "front rank" and no "rear rank." The reason they proceeded in a circle was because they were led by the patient Fabre on to the rim of a flower pot. Fabre was investigating the point of their intellect, and decided, if we remember rightly, that they had none. With the purpose of the preacher's illustration we are quite in accord. The moral he got was excellent, and much needed here. But by showing his own faults as a reader and quoter, we discount the value of such of his opinions as we do not like. It enables us fairly to suggest that a startling announcement of last year with regard to long distance telephony may have been based on words weighed no more carefully. Such statements should be cautiously made, and their utterers should always be called upon to substantiate them.

In this morning's TOO MANY. Morning Post we note MIKES. a statement that the Foreign office list of New Year Honours includes Commander Michael Edgar Bonham Carter and Mr. Michael Robert Hodgson. We desire to add that the list seems to have omitted the honoured name of Mr. Knight Garter Honi Soit.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11½d.

Surgeon Lieutenant J. F. Pace, R.N. arrived per S.S. "Somali" and takes up his appointment as Surgeon of H.M.S. "Sandpiper."

The Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the half week were \$12,791, or \$63 less than in the same period of last year.

Mr. E. A. M. Williams, of Messrs. Love, Bingham and Matthews, has been nominated by the Engineers' and Seamen's Guilds to represent them at the forthcoming arbitration in connection with wages.

The cups to be presented to the winners and runners up in the boxing competitions to be held on Friday and Saturday next, are now on view at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh.

Chief Boatswain E. Langford, R.N. arrived per S.S. "Somali" from England to take up his appointment as Mail Officer H.M.S. "Tamar" via Chief Boatswain W. Trevethan R.N.

Mr. R. W. Bearne, Foreman Naval Yard, and Mr. F. W. Wright, Clerk Naval Yard, were passengers for home per S.S. "Kashgar" having been relieved by Messrs. Sampson and Sullivan, respectively.

Engineer Commander W. W. Reed, R.N. who has been doing duty in H.M. Naval Yard, and lately relieved by Engr. Capt. Ferguson, C. B. E., R.N. embarked in S.S. "Kashgar" for England on Sunday.

Lieut. Col. Mayhew, R. M. L. I., who has acted in the capacity of General Staff Officer (Naval) and lately relieved by Lieut. Col. Griffiths, R. M. L. I. was a passenger per S.S. "Kashgar" for England on Sunday.

Admiralty transport "Dongola" now fitting up at Naval Yard for the conveyance to England of Naval Ratings, Military Officers and Details from Hongkong and Singapore is expected to be ready towards the end of this week.

Mr. W. R. Neighbour, Cashier and Civil Secretary H.M. Dockyard, accompanied by Mrs. Neighbour, and also Mr. G. L. Platt, Naval Store Officer, Mr. Platt, and two children, left for home per S.S. "Kashgar." Messrs. Neighbour and Platt have been relieved by Messrs. Ashton and Lowe, respectively.

When Ho Lai-man, the new headmaster of the Government Law School went to take up his duties on Sunday, he was ejected and attacked by the students. They are demanding the reinstatement of the former headmaster, who was dismissed by the Civil Governor. The Students have intimidated their intention to elect any "improper person" who is appointed to the headmastership. He was slightly wounded and his clothing was torn. The Civil Governor is greatly perturbed and proposes to deal severely with the students, as he is the second headmaster abused in this way by the students.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Star Ferry Company will run extra ferries to-morrow morning, at 1.30, 2, and 2.30.

Amongst those who left for Home on Sunday on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" was Mr. C. McK. Messer.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., returned to Hongkong yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. "Somali," which brought mails from London.

Miss Shirley Cooke and Mr. George Graystone are performing at Wiseman's Cafe to-morrow and Friday between 5 and 6 p.m.

To-day's return of communicable disease is blank. Last week we had 2 cases of diphtheria, 2 of enteric, and one of cerebro-spinal fever.

The pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School took a trip to Repulse Bay this morning in one of the Dragon Motor Car Company's motor buses.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club holds a regatta on Saturday, February 28 and arrangements have been made for conveying members to the Club for rowing practice.

The wedding of Lt. Clifton G. Lovegrove, R.G.A., Stonecutters, to Miss M. A. Freeman, en route from England on the "Empress of Asia" is announced to take place shortly.

The China Mail is requested to state that the performance of Carmen to be given by the Russian Opera Company on the 8th inst., has nothing to do with the advertised performance of the same opera on the 14th inst.

Mr. Ali Hussain and Mr. A. R. Madar, two Indian merchants who have been visiting the Colony were entertained to dinner by the members of the Indian Recreation Club prior to their departure for Australia and Shanghai respectively.

The meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room, which has been kindly lent for the occasion, on January 20. Further details will appear in the advertising columns of the China Mail later.

News has been received by cable of the death of Mr. H. R. Kinnear in London on the 29th, December. He was for many years a partner in Gibb, Livingstone & Co. and had spent most of his time in the East in Shanghai, where he was well known and highly respected.

There is evidently an epidemic of fires in Canton with the approach of the Chinese New Year. Two fires occurred on Jan. 4—one near the Canton-Kowloon Railway Station, which destroyed more than twenty houses and the other in Salkwan where also several houses were destroyed. It is stated that during the past week three big fires and about half a dozen small ones were reported in the city, and considerable losses were incurred.

The Russian Opera Company arriving sooner than expected, it is found possible to open their season on Thursday the 8th inst. instead of the 9th. The Company will present "Carmen" therefore on the 8th and tickets may be had at Mourie & Co. This arrangement does not in any way affect the previous arrangement for "Carmen" on the 14th inst. and is an entirely extra programme. "Carmen" being played twice during the season.

As showing the prices which are being paid for house property in Calcutta the following results of sales held the other day by the Administrator General are interesting. A two-storied house in Alipore with a monthly rental of Rs. 325 fetched Rs. 1,50,000, a second two-storied house, fetching a rent of Rs. 350 per month, went for Rs. 2,41,000, while a third, also a two-storied house, rent Rs. 375 per month, fetched Rs. 2,65,000. After this it seems quite a descent to find that a one-storied bungalow, rent Rs. 120 per month, was disposed of for only Rs. 35,500.

An attempt was made on the life of Ku Yat-kwong, an ex-leader of the Shuhking troops, on the night of the 2nd inst. when he was returning home. Ku was in a ricksha, and his ricksha was assailed by a mob of about 100 men. He was slightly wounded on the back by a bullet from a revolver. The bullet hit the ricksha first, or he might have been killed. Ku turned round and saw the would-be assassins, who was in grey uniform, running away. A revolver was picked up in the road near the spot where the attempt was made, and the police are making investigations.

STRAIGHT AT IT. THERE is no use of our beating around the bush. We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so fit as we say why you should not do so. This remedy by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and is everywhere spoken of in the best terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

RICE RIOT.

A Chinese, a coal cooler, who appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with a bandaged head, was charged with being concerned, with other coal coolers, in a rice riot at Nos. 26 and 30 Cross Street, Wanchai, yesterday.

Inspector Kent said at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, a crowd of coal coolers raided two rice shops in Cross Street and stole 190 catties of rice from each shop. The defendant, who was one of the crowd which attacked No. 30, was struck on the head with a piece of wood by one of the shop foks and wounded. He was afterwards arrested outside the shop.

The accountant of the shop said that at about 12.30 yesterday, the defendant entered the shop and proceeded to steal rice. His example was soon followed by many others and before long they had stolen as many as 100 catties of rice. Other coolers then came on the scene and snatched the rice from the defendant and his companions. A fight ensued in the course of which the defendant was wounded on the head. He later came to the shop and demanded compensation alleging that his head was hurt by one of the shop's foks. Witness had him arrested.

The defendant said he was standing outside the rice shop when a crowd entered it and stole rice. He did not take part in the riot. One of the foks rushed out of the shop armed with a wooden stick and hit him on the head before he could defend himself. He could not identify the fok.

Inspector Kent said that as a matter of fact, when he was enquiring into the case yesterday, it was admitted that someone in the shop struck the defendant to prevent him doing further mischief.

His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow in order to enable the Inspector to collect more evidence.

THE LIMIT.

THE LATEST HAT-SNATCHING.

This morning a China Mail reader was passing along the prays when he witnessed the last word in daring regarding the now popular mode of stealing, to wit, hat-snatching. A well-dressed Japanese with a Japanese lady was waiting at the top of Tai-yuen Street, apparently for a tramcar. A Chinese youth came up from behind and whipped off the man's hat and was off down Tai-yuen Street in a flash. There were no police about and the Japanese did not give chase as the barefooted thief had twenty yards start.

DOCKYARD PRESENTATION.

On Friday evening the Dockyard Recreation Club was the scene of presentations to departing members and to the winners of the recent billiard handicap.

Mr. W. A. Knight, chief of the Electrical Department in presenting a gold watch to Mr. F. W. Wright, who is proceeding to Portsmouth, spoke of Mr. Wright's sterling qualities both as regards his efficient work in the Dockyard, and his work on behalf of sport generally and football in particular. Mr. F. Wright handed a handsome rose bowl to Mr. R. W. Bearne who is also leaving for Portsmouth. In making the presentation Mr. Young spoke in extremely laudatory and witty terms of the recipient.

Later Mr. Knight presented the billiard prizes which were won by: 1st, Mr. A. W. Matthews; 2nd, Mr. R. W. Bearne; 3rd, Mr. W. Pope; 4th, Mr. R. W. Spanion. Mr. Pope was unavoidably absent but Mr. G. Thomas accepted the prize in his stead, at the same time treating the members to a humorous speech.

An exhibition game of billiards between Mr. R. W. Bearne and Mr. A. G. Fife, was won rather easily by the former.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Another armed robbery has been reported to have taken place in the heart of the city at 8 o'clock last night when six men, three armed with revolvers and the others with daggers, entered No. 58 Wellington Street, 1st floor, and after threatening to kill the inmates if they raised an alarm, ransacked the house and decamped with property and money to the total value of \$550. No one in the house was mishandled by the unwelcome visitors.

The Police are making enquiries with a view to obtaining clues which may lead to the arrest of the desperadoes.

STABBED MAN DIES. The Chinese cooler who, as reported in yesterday's China Mail, was attacked in Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, by a stranger who stabbed him on the chest and in the left side, has succumbed to his injuries at the King Wah Hospital. The alleged murderer has not yet been arrested.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-NIGHT'S
FUNCTION.

SPLENDID DECORATIONS.

"St. George for Merrie England." This is the keynote of all the decorations that have been devised to transform our dingy City Hall into a place worthy of the St. George's Ball, which is to be held to-night. In every room fine evidences of the fact that it is St. George and England that are being honoured. The decorations have been carried out on a scale and with an effectiveness that would be hard to equal anywhere and they are probably unique in the Colony. A representative of this paper had a walk round the City Hall this morning and, although the work was still proceeding, that which had been finished was enough to convince. A small army of workmen under the supervision of energetic committeemen were busy with lights, flags and greenery putting on the finishing touches in some rooms and in others just starting on a transformation scene of the walls. To commence with, the visitor to the City Hall to-night will be greeted with the legend "St. George for England" in red lettering on a white ground and illuminated electrically. It is hung over the main entrance. Passing under that and entering the hall the first part of the Committee's work becomes visible. The main staircase will be naturally attract attention. The balustrades have been wreathed in greenery through which will show red and white electric lights, while all the pillars have been draped in red and white. The general idea being a red cross on a white field—St. George's Flag. Pot plants have been used in abundance and with great effect. At the top of the stairs will be seen a large painting representing St. George in full armour holding laurel wreaths above the heads of a sailor and soldier. It is symbolic of the victory the Allies have achieved, for the two men stand on the German eagle, which wears an Iron Cross and at their feet is a fallen crown with streamers of the German colours. Recalling how this victory was achieved and peace was made possible, are a battleship, a cannon, and aloft, an aeroplane. On this picture a strong electric light will play, bringing it into great prominence. It is the work of Mr. L. G. Bird and is certainly a fine piece of decorative work. The effect is heightened by the picture being gracefully draped with flags. Before ascending the stairs there are several features which call for attention. On the right has been erected an old English lamp bearing the words "Boodles, Carding and Gaming." This is by the entrance of the Library, part of which has been pressed into service for card rooms. In this room the book cases have been so arranged as to give the impression of a small country library in England and it has been made very cosy. The floor is carpeted in red which with flags and plants gives a pretty effect. On the roof a large number of red paper lanterns have been arranged in the form of St. George's Cross. This room is the ladies' card room and is intended for bridge parties. Immediately behind it is the men's card room, where flags have also been artistically arranged.

On the opposite side is the "Pig and Whistle," otherwise the bar, its signboard being electrically illuminated. It has been decorated with shields of St. George and flags. Passing on to the ball rooms, St. Andrew's Hall is worthy of more than a passing glance. The main feature of the decorations here is a huge shield containing somewhat about 600 red and white lights, again arranged in the form of the arms of the Petron Saint. Shields, flags and festoons of greenery on the walls add to the general effect. The main energies of the Committee in charge of the work of decoration have, however, been expended on St. George's Hall which is really a triumph. Some feet above the heads of the dancers has been erected a trelis work from which is suspended imitation wisteria of the national colours, purple and white. In this have been placed coloured electric globes and when the place is lit up the scene will be one of great beauty. Small shields bearing the names of typical English flowers and plants have been placed on the walls, each with its festoon of green. Shields and flags further adorn the walls adding additional charm. In this room a small dais has been erected for the accommodation of the official party. On the verandahs the usual "uggin' utes" (sitting out places) have been erected, each with its screen of flags. The other rooms on this floor have also been tastefully treated.

The whole of the Theatre Royal has been utilised for the supper room and during supper the door's head will be carried in by Capt. Wheeler to the strains of appropriate music. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock will preside at the supper, which has been catered for by the Hongkong Hotel.

The following will be the official supper party.—The President and Lady Rees-Davies, H.E., the Governor and Mrs. Pollock, Major-General Ventris and Mrs. Stabb, Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb and Mrs. Gurner, Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Mrs. Young, Sir W. Rees-Davies and Mrs. Hallifax, Commodore Gurner and

A TRIVIAL CASE.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, Messrs. Thoresen and Co., were charged with (1) possession of six gallons of bottled dutiable still wine and (2) omitting to mark the boxes in which the bottles were contained with the words "for export."

Before the case started Mr. Taylor of the Import and Export Office withdrew the first charge.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, for the defence said that whilst he recognised that it was right for the Government to take action in these cases, he said his clients were a firm of repute and it could not seriously be alleged that they failed to mark the boxes with the intention of doing the Government out of their legal duty. What actually happened, said Counsel, was this: His clients were to have sent the wine to Canton for the Christmas festivities there and had taken a permit to export them. After everything was arranged however, (and it was arranged to have the wine shipped on Christmas Eve), the s.s. "Kinsman" on which they were to have consigned the wine refused to accept the cargo in view of the fact that the Customs Office at Canton would be closed all day on Christmas Day. Consequently the goods were taken back to the warehouse. On the expiration of the Christmas holidays, when the Import and Export Office was reopened, an application was made for certain alterations to the export permit to enable the wine to be re-shipped to Canton. It was through an oversight that his clients omitted to mark the boxes.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Parr, Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Loring, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Wyndham, Col. Young and Mrs. Dodwell, Mr. G. M. Young and Mrs. Hay, Mr. H. W. Bird and Mrs. Moorhead, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mrs. Crockett, Mr. A. G. Coppin and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. G. S. Archbutt and Mrs. Moxon, Mr. W. J. Eldridge and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. John Parkes and Mrs. Copin, Mr. G. C. Moxon and Mrs. Dyer, and Mr. J. Bentley and Miss Duff.

It is expected that His Excellency the Governor and party will arrive at 9 p.m. and they will be welcomed by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.

The dance programme consists of 20 dances including some of old English origin. Those partaking in the official dance will be: Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Lady Rees-Davies, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Pollock, Major-General Ventris and Mrs. Stabb, Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb and Mrs. Gurner, Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Mrs. Young, Sir William Rees-Davies and Mrs. Hallifax, Commodore Gurner and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Johnstone. It is understood that His Excellency is not dancing. The dance music will be played by the band of the Wiltshire Regiment. The programmes have been artistically designed by Mr. L. G. Bird, bearing a picture of St. George and the Dragon. Mr. Bird also designed the badges for the committees, these consisting of a cross on the heraldic rose.

The arrangements were made by the following committees:—

General Committee.—Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (President), Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E. (Vice-President), His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Past President), Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Past President), (absent), Hon. Mr. G. C. Alabaster, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, H. W. Bird, A. G. Coppin, A. E. Crapnell, S. H. Dodwell, W. A. Dowley (absent), D. G. M. Bernard, W. J. Eldridge, G. C. Moxon, M. S. Northcote, T. E. Pearce, John Parkes, P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Treasurer), John Bentley (Hon. Secretary).

Invitation Committee.—The General Committee with the following additions: Messrs. L. J. Blackburn, W. Sinclair, F. E. Hall, F. A. Wells, H. P. Winslow, and Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E.

Entertainment Committee.—Messrs. G. S. Archbutt (Chairman), F. R. J. Adams, A. H. Crew, S. E. Grimstone, H. R. B. Hancock, Bulmer Johnson, F. A. Perry, W. E. L. Shenton, R. P. Thursfield, T. E. Pearce, P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. L. E. R. L. Bridger, L. J. Blackburn, J. Parkes, S. H. Dodwell, Geo. Grimble, C. B. Layton.

Card Room Committee.—Messrs. A. C. Coppin (Chairman), A. E. Griffin, E. A. W. Williams, G. C. Moxon, Hon. Mr. G. C. Alabaster, O.B.E., Mr. P. M. Hodgson.

Ladies' Cloak Room Committee.—Dr. Montagu Harston, Dr. O. Marriott, Mr. G. W. Barton.

Refreshment Committee.—Messrs. A. E. Crapnell (Chairman), N. J. Austin, H. S. Bennett, T. H. G. Brayfield, R. L. Bridger, W. J. Eldridge, H. E. Hollands, H. E. Hayward, G. H. M. Bannerman, C. W. Jeffries, D. K. Moss, A. J. J. Martin, V. Sorby, R. J. Wilton, J. H. Ramsey, G. H. Wilson, Capt. F. T. Wheeler, Mr. A. Piercy, and Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

Decoration Committee.—Mr. H. W. Bird (Chairman), Commandant Beckwith, Messrs. T. L. Perkins, J. Parkes, L. G. Bird, W. Tischer, R. A. Nicholson, H. B. Bridger, T. Grimsdall, H. B. L. Dowbigg.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., LIMITED.

The final meeting of the members of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., (in voluntary liquidation) was held in the office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Ltd., this morning, Mr. H. F. Campbell, liquidator, presiding. The others present were Messrs. W. P. C. Trafford, A. A. Cordeiro and Poon I. Chau.

The chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, Mr. A. A. Cordeiro proposed "That the report and accounts before the meeting be and are hereby approved." Mr. W. P. C. Trafford seconded this motion, which was carried.

Mr. A. A. Cordeiro next proposed "That the Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised to hand over all books of accounts, statistical and statutory records, papers, etc., belonging to the Company to the general managers of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Limited." Mr. Poon I. Chau seconded this resolution, which was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

THE LIQUIDATOR'S REPORT.

The report and accounts of the liquidator presented to the members at the meeting stated, *inter alia*—

The assets taken over by the new company as on 1st August, 1918, were—

Land valued at	\$3,145.00
Building and machinery valued at	267,214.84
Lines valued at	161,347.79
Furniture valued at	2,065.54
Materials, stores and fuel valued at	74,766.53
Value of premia on unexpired policies	313.04
Sundry debtors valued at	35,672.37
Cash	14,066.55
	\$588,591.67

As part consideration the new company took over the following liabilities—

Debentures \$250,000.00	
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. \$10,650.30	
Sundry creditors \$27,941.37	
	\$288,591.67

Leaving to be satisfied by the issue of 100,000 fully-paid shares of \$5 each in the new Company \$300,000.00 of these 97,695 were duly allotted and the balance of 2,305 was not applied for.

In accordance with the draft Agreement submitted to the meetings mentioned above (and marked "A") the balance of 2,305 shares were sold and realised the sum of \$11,525 of which \$3,825 has been handed to the owners thereof and the balance paid into the Companies' Liquidation account.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In this Handicap last night only very moderate play was witnessed. The game was between S. Hewlett—200 and F. H. Woolman—20. No matter how he tried Hewlett could not get going and his highest break of the night was 13. It was undoubtedly his night off. Woolman on the other hand playing a steady game compiled breaks of 19, 18, 15, these with handicap of—20 are exceedingly good scores and enabled him to run out a winner by 193 points. Final Scores.

F. H. Woolman—20, 250.
S. Hewlett—200, 57.

Great interest is taken in the game on Wednesday night and much speculation is rife, over the result. The game is between C. Hat—20 v. W. A. Morgan—125.

This game commences at 9 p.m. and some good billiard should be seen.

HAWKERS.

Charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with (1) hawking without a licence, and (2) attempting to give a bribe of 50 cents to an Indian constable after he had been arrested, a man pleaded guilty to the first charge, but said with regard to the other, that the constable told him he would let him go if he gave him a few 10-cent pieces and he gave him 50 cents.

His Worship passed sentence of \$4 or 7 days on the first charge and \$5 or 21 days on the other.

Another hawker who was charged with (1) causing an obstruction outside No. 173 Queen's Road West, and (2) attempting to give a bribe of 50 cents to a Chinese constable, pleaded guilty and was fined \$2 or 7 days on the first charge and 21 days' hard labour on the other.

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BOXING.

A FRESH DRAW.

A fresh draw for the Novices' Competition has been rendered necessary by reason of the fact that certain of the Competitors' weights were incorrectly stated. The redraw has been made by Messrs. Gedde, Jenkin and Tinson, and is as follows:—

FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS.

- 1—P. C. Condon, Police, v. L. S. Gedde, Alacrity.
- 2—Stoker Towse, Alacrity, v. Pte. Driscoll, Wilts.
- 3—Tel. Conroy, Ambrose, v. Pte. Dwyer, Wilts.
- 4—L. Cpl. Nye, Wilts, v. A. B. Byrne, Alacrity.

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS.

- 5—Pte. James, Wilts, v. Stoker. Haddock, Ambrose.
- 6—L. St. Barrett, Carlisle (Bye), v. Sparring Partner.
- 7—A. B. Compton, Ambrose, v. Gunner Hudson, R.G.A.
- 8—Ship's Cook, North, Carlisle (Bye), v. Sparring Partner.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS.

- 9—Pte. Dadd, Wilts, v. Boy Harris, Carlisle.
- 10—Pte. Woodley, Wilts, v. Pte. Slade, Wilts.
- 11—L. S. Woods, Carlisle, v. A. B. Osborne, Ambrose.
- 12—A. B. Massey, Ambrose, v. O. S. Coulthard, Ambrose.
- 13—A. B. Holt, Ambrose (Bye), v. Sparring Partner.
- 14—L. Cpl. Rogers, Wilts, v. H. R. C. Jones, Wilts.
- 15—L. S. Searle, Carlisle, v. A. B. Trace, Alacrity.
- 16—A. B. Nethercott, Ambrose (Bye), v. Sparring Partner.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS.

- 17—A. B. Fellowes, Carlisle, v. A. B. Conn, Ambrose.
- 18—Pte. Thorne, Wilts, v. Cpl. Gee, Wilts.
- 19—A. B. Badnage, Alacrity, v. A. B. Hatch, Ambrose.
- 20—Boy Hall, Carlisle, v. Sergt. Davies, Wilts.

WARNING TO COMPETITORS.

The first series will be fought in the order set out above. Competitors and their seconds are warned that if they are not ready to enter the Ring at the conclusion of the bout immediately preceding their own, the competitors will be liable to disqualification by the Referee.

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The Hongkong Football Club intend holding this competition this season and entries are invited. Entrance fee is \$10.00 and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary c/o Taikoo Dockyard together with application for entry not later than 9th January.

A. British regiments of the line Royal Garrison Artillery and Royal Engineers may play in companies, but no one shall play for any other company than the one to which he belonged at the commencement of the competition.

B. Battleships and First and Second Class Cruisers may enter teams selected from their respective ships' companies. Any ships below rank of a second class cruiser may enter a combined team, or may each enter a team, at option. No one belonging to any battleship, first or second class cruiser shall play for any other team than his ship's team.

C. Any other Clubs may enter a team. (A player shall play for one Club only in the competition each season).

The Semi-finals and the Final shall be played on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club. In the prior ties unless otherwise mutually arranged, the Clubs which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground. Preliminary rounds shall be thirty five minutes each way, but the Final shall be forty five minutes each way. All draw matches shall be replayed and if again a draw extra time of ten minutes each way shall be played. The date of draw for first round will be announced later.

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UNLICENSED POISON.

The manager of a Japanese firm of Import and Export Agents carrying on business at No. 17 Des Voeux Road West, was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning with the unlawful possession of 400 bottles of poison.

Mr. E. L. Potter appeared for the defence.

Sergt. Wills said he went to the shop with a search warrant and proceeded to the first floor where he found four bottles containing the poison complained of, in a chiffonier. Under the staircase he found three cases containing bottles of the same poison. The defendant was not in at the time and his name was given to witness by an employee of the firm. The defendant had no permit or authority to possess the poison, but a bill of lading and a permit to remove the cases from the wharf were produced.

Mr. Potter said the offence was only a technical one. A firm, Formosa wrote to his client telling him of the shipment of certain medicines and instructed him to re-ship the medicine to another Japanese firm in Amoy. When the goods arrived, his client took delivery and then communicated with the Amoy firm and was told to keep the stuff here as it was impossible to land it at Amoy on account of the boycott. When his client received the bill of lading, he went and got a permit to land the goods and thought that was all that was necessary. He did not know that he had to have a permit to possess the poison. As a matter of fact, his client did not know that the cases contained bottles of poison. He was under the impression that it was the medicine referred to in the letter from the Formosa firm.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

ADDITIONAL CONTESTS.

On Saturday, the second night, in addition to the Championship contest between Sergt. "Sky" Kerrison and Seaman Parsons, the following contests are arranged:—

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Empress of Asia	April 19	April 26
Empress of Russia	May 6	May 24
Empress of Japan	May 24	June 13
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Sender's Service to the China Mail.)

MESOPOTAMIA.

BAGHDAD, December 28th.
An official representative of the Arab Government, conferring with the British authorities, suggested that British troops return to Dairazor to restore order. The representative, Hamadkan Shalash, made a similar application, and asked that the Commander-in-Chief may furnish funds to replace those looted by his friends and make him restore law and order at Dairazor.

Both requests were refused as it is the duty of the Arab Government to restore the situation.

The incident at Dairazor may be regarded as closed at present as far as Mesopotamia is concerned. Any further negotiations will take place in Europe between the interested parties.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, January 2nd.

The procedure fixed for the ratification of the Peace Treaty on January 6th is as follows:

First, the Germans will sign the protocol of November 1st which specifies the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and then the documents certifying the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles.

Afterwards, M. Clemenceau will hand the Chief German Delegate (Baron von Lersner) the letter containing a resume of the verbal assurances that the Allies are ready to reduce the quantity of the tonnage demanded if Germany can prove that the amount is excessive.

The increase in the price of bread which, according to a recent semi-official statement, would not go into effect until August, is now announced to come into effect on February 1st.

The Government proposed to raise the price of wheat sold to millers from 40 to 75 francs per 100 kilos and raise the price of flour to 91 francs, thus increasing the price of bread to consumers from 50 to 60 centimes.

The Chamber of Deputies has approved the authorization of an increase of railway fares by 60 to 121.

French circles have been much impressed by Admiral Kokechak's collapse, and the wish is universal that Japanese forces be entrusted with the task of barring the way to the Bolshevik advance.

TRADE COMPETITION.

JAPANESE GOODS IN CEYLON.

No better example of what Sir Auckland Geddes has described as the wholly artificial hold which Japanese goods have obtained on British markets can be found than in the Petah trade of Ceylon, says the *Times of Ceylon*. During the early days of the war the Japanese captured this Ceylon market because there were no other competitors, and the Japanese were able to adopt a "take it or leave it" policy. As time went on the Petah merchants showed what their feelings were in regard to the methods of the Japanese and the products of Japan by preferring, whenever possible, to "leave it," and so far as the future is concerned Japan ought never to be a serious competitor because of the prejudice she has created against her goods. On the other hand, it has yet to be seen whether Great Britain can win this trade. It must frankly be recognised that she could not do so before the war. Apart from the question of long credits, Germany made it her business to supply the Petah trader with just what he wanted, and in those days he was able to do so at a price which attracted the local merchants. It is very questionable to-day whether Germany can under-sell British goods, but it has yet to be seen how far the British manufacturer will go in giving the Ceylon trader what he wants instead of what the manufacturer considers the trader ought to have. The Petah trader is hungering for goods. Undoubtedly, it would prefer British goods. Certainly it does not want Japanese goods. But the goods that the Petah will ultimately buy will be those of the manufacturer who caters for the market and its varied idiosyncrasies. Sir Auckland Geddes might achieve a useful purpose if he would expend some of his eloquence in bringing this fact home to British manufacturers.

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INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

IV.

Ma dear Christina,

A Happy New Year to ye, an' tas' a' the others, an' thank them frax us here fur their kind spealin'. Lang may a' ye' lums reek, and may ye' Kail-pots ne'er be emptied. It was a' real braw New Year, wi' hooters, an' crackers, an' bells, but A didna hear ony o' they paper rumpets that ye got at the Shows—ye ken the good old Aunt Sallies, wi' the awfu' mugs. My, but we've been hein' a' guid time, what wi' folk comin' tae us, an' us gaun out, we're fair what they ca' Society-folk.

When A come back A'll be the Queen o' Paisley Society, an' ye'll see ma phoray in a' the papers. The Colony is at peace the noo, the Peak and Kowloon are on the best o' terms, an' standin' each iither New Year drinks. The weather is just like oor Simmer, an' we're haein' a' sort o' Sports, an' there's gaun tae be the races soon. Ma word, we're leadin' an' awfu' gay life aieghither, an' A'll no be surprised if some o' oor meenisters dinna start in wi' a big fieil-dammation fur Hongkong if they dinna live like the guid folk they used tae be in "the wee bit land."

A was ill pleased the iither night when A saw in the *China Mail* a lot o' blether of a new society of Comrades of the Great War which is bein' talked about. As ye weel ken, the Comrades was crackit up by yon auld gas bag "I'm winnin' the war," at hame. Av coorse, there was somethin' behind it a', an' weel, ye couldna trust a worra' o' the muck-raker. He did a bit o' guid, but it was juist so's he could get iither folk tae look at him.

Weel, they're talkin' o' tryin' it on here. If they'd only be sensible an' mak' a branch o' the D.S.S.A. they'd be deasin' weel, fur then the folk that had been through it would hae it tae themselfs, an' be weel rid o' they iithers who didna ken what it meant tae be at the Front. They men who hae ne'er had a day's drill but were sneaked into the W.O. havens ony richt tae ca' themselfs soldiers. Another thing, the Comrades is as bad as the Army itself, bein' as it is far bandaged in that awfu' red tape, whiles the D.S.S.A. is run by the pukka chiefs who went through it, an' a' ken what A'm talkin' about, fur wisna Wullie an' o' the early birds in France?

A'm thinkin' they're wantin' tae use up the red tape A left ahint me in the W.O., fur A didna use ony, bein' yin o' they "Northerners"—or "those horrid Scotch"—who could show them how to get a move on. Ye'll be glad tae hear, Kirstee, that at last A've found some nice wummen. No they're no on the Peak, fur ma yins hae nae pokers fur spines. They're juist real barmy folk, wi' nae side, an' if ye ever cam out A'll tak ye along. But there's yin silly wumman takin' in the paper shoot if ye're husband is in yin o' the big concerns here ye're sceptic intae what they ca' Guid Society. She's bletherin'. If she'd said at the value o' ye'r guid man's monthly cheque, A'd hae believed her, but, jings, A'm shair she was lookin' at things through a glass o' guid toddy. An' what's mair, altho she fancies ye're accept by they snobs, she forgits that ye, an' ye're iathers great grand aunt gie them enuch tae talk about, until another unfortunate lassie arrives here, an' drifis intae their clutches. A'm glad ye're no here, fur A can see ye gettin' mair nor mad when they try tae pull tae bits the reputation o' a real McGregor. They'd want ye tae tak oot ye're family bible tae prove it, an' vet, some o' the leadin' yins here wadna hae a leg tae stan' on, if there was an examination o' what they were afore they were what they are noo!

An' noo A must rin, fur A'm gaun wi' Wullie an' the bairns tae the Pictures.

A' oor guid wishes fur 1920.

MAGGIE MACKAY.

THE JAIL CASE.

Wong Kwong, the escaped prisoner who has been re-captured by the Police, was again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning charged with the murder of Warders Speed and Harman Singh within the walls of Victoria Jail in the small hours of the morning of Dec. 15.

Evidence similar to that taken at the inquest and reported fully in the *China Mail* at the time, was entered into and the case is proceeding.

The case is expected to last a whole week.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 6d. 11A. 35m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan or Indo-China. Pressure has decreased considerably over the Yangtze Valley and slightly along the south coast of China. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened. The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Foochow. It will remain fresh to descend over the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches. Average for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on January 1th, 1920.

—Hongkong to Gap Book. N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

—Fuzhou Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoo. The same as to 1.

—South coast of China between Loochoo and Hainan. The same as to 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 6, 1920.—A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' VIEW.

Interviewed on the same subject by a representative of *The Daily Telegraph*, a member of the London Spiritualist Alliance said that Spiritualists viewed the attacks made on their faith with serenity, and counted investigations into all their doings. Churchmen had read papers on the subject at Church congresses as far back as that held at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1881, on which occasion there was a considerable discussion. One of the speakers was Archdeacon Wilberforce, whose contribution to the debate, which is given in the current issue of "Light," the official organ of the Alliance, was that "in view of the spread of Spiritualism in its modern aspects, and of the consequences resulting from it, it becomes a most important question that ought to be the attitude of the clergy of the Church of England towards believers in the alleged manifestations. That they are affording, and will still more affect the Church is certain, and has made itself manifest here in Newcastle."

Members of the Church who were opposed to Spiritualism, continue this gentleman, were alarmed at the progress it had made; hence the present discussion at the Congress. The clergy who criticised the movement, however, did so with imperfect data, and it was only fair that they should make their own investigations into the subject before they expressed opinions concerning it. For that reason Spiritualists were extremely glad to see the conclusion arrived at by the Church Congress to consider the subject at the Lambeth Conference this year, and that, in the meantime, the Bishops were going to carry on a careful inquiry, conducted by the best men and women who had knowledge and experience of Spiritualism. Such an inquiry had already been conducted by a specially appointed Psychological Research Committee of the well-known City Church of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate. This committee, in their report on their investigations to their church council in June last, stated that: "Sufficient ground exists to justify religiously-minded people in pursuing reverently and cautiously a scientific inquiry into the phenomena of Spiritualism, so long as they do not allow themselves to confuse the domain of science with that of religion." The report was signed on behalf of the investigating committee by the Rev. W. F. Cobb, D.D., the minister.

Many of the clergy were members of the Alliance and spoke at its meetings, while some contributed to Spiritualism in increasing numbers, because they were offered facts instead of being told to have faith. The Spiritualists had proved that it was quite possible to come into touch with loved ones who had passed away, and people were naturally flocking to grasp the substance rather than the shadow. The Church had seen this, and become alarmed.

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Banking Exchange (1/16) T. T.	100 b.
Hongkong Bank, ...	100 b.
Market Insurance	
Canton Ins. ...	\$390 b.
North China Ins. ...	\$170 b.
Union Ins. ...	\$180 b.
Yangtze Ins. ...	\$200 b.
Far Easterns ...	\$230 b.
Fire Insurance	
China Fire Ins. ...	\$138 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins. ...	\$330 b.
Shipping	
Douglas ...	\$90 b.
H.K. Steamships ...	\$22 b.
Indo-China (Freight) ...	\$30 b.
Do. (Do.) ...	\$10 b.
Shell Transport ...	\$117 1/2 b.
Star Lines ...	\$30 b.
Barter	
China Sugars ...	\$211 b.
Malayan Sugars ...	\$43 b.
Mining	
Kailan Mining Adm. ...	100 b.
Langkai ...	100 b.
Shanghai Loans ...	T. 154 b.
Shanghai Explorations ...	\$2 b.
Railways ...	\$40 b.
Ural Carbons ...	\$55 b.
Doors, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	
H. & E. Wharves ...	\$60 b.
H. & W. Docks ...	\$170 b.
Shanghai Docks ...	\$115 b.
New Engineering ...	\$28 b.
Barter, Hotels & Buildings	
Central Estates ...	\$100 b.
Hongkong Hotels ...	\$110 b.
Hongkong Lands ...	\$118 b.
Shanghai Lands ...	\$8 b.
Kowloon Lands ...	\$62 b.
Land Reclamations ...	\$140 b.
West Point ...	\$90 b.
Corro. Mills	
Ewo Cottons ...	\$500 b.
Kang Yik ...	\$514 b.
East Kung Mow ...	\$300 b.
Oriental ...	\$300 b.
Shanghai Cottons ...	\$300 b.
Yangtze ...	\$34 b.
Manufactures	
Cement ...	\$6.80 b.
China-Bornes ...	\$15 b.
China Lights Old & New ...	\$8 b.
China-Providents ...	\$82 b.
Dairy Farms ...	\$85 b.
Macao ...	\$84 b.
Hongkong Rope ...	\$22 b.
H.K. Tramways ...	\$7.70 b.
Peak Tramways (Old) ...	\$7 b.
do. (New) ...	\$8 b.
Steam Laundry ...	\$10 b.
H.K. Steel Foundry ...	\$10 b.
Waterworks ...	\$104 b.
Watsons ...	\$82 b.
Wm. Poyalls ...	\$12 b.
Wismans ...	\$27 b.

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Hongkong, January 6, 1920.	
On London	4/11 1/2
Bank, Wire	4/11 1/2
30 days sight	4/11 1/2
60 days sight	4/11 1/2
3 months sight	4/11 1/2
6 months sight	4/11 1/2
On New York	94 1/2
On demand	94 1/2
Credit, 30 days sight	94 1/2
On Bombay	212 1/2
On Calcutta	212 1/2
On demand	212 1/2
On Singapore	212 1/2
On demand	212 1/2
On Hongkong	100
On demand	100
On Shanghai	100
On demand	100
On Yokohama	100
On demand	100
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